(Ireland.)

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BILL

TO

Amend the Laws relating to the Sale of Wine, Spirits, Beer, Cider, and Perry by Retail in Ireland.

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled "An Act to repeal the several Duties payable on Excise "Licences in Great Britain and Ireland, and to impose other Duties "in lieu thereof, and to amend the Law for granting Excise Licences;" and a certain other Act was passed in the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Sale of Wine, Spirits, "Beer, and Cider by Retail in Ireland;" and a certain other Act was passed in the Sixth and Seventh Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act to amend an Act "passed in the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His late "Majesty King William the Fourth;" and a certain other Act was passed in the Eighth and Ninth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act to amend certain Regu-"lations respecting the Retail of Spirits in Ireland;" and a certain other Act was passed in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act to amend Preamble.

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" the Laws for the better Prevention of the Sale of Spirits by " unlicensed Persons, and for the Suppression of illicit Distillation in " Ireland:" And whereas it is expedient to alter and amend the said recited Acts in certain Particulars, and to make other Regulations in respect of the Sale of Wine, Spirits, Beer, and Cider by Retail in Ireland: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:

Repeal of Parts of former Acts. 18 & 19 Vict. c. 118. s. 2.

I. From and after the *Commencement of this Act*, the several Parts of Acts set forth in the Schedule to this Act annexed, and to the Extent to which such Parts of Acts are by such Schedule expressed to be repealed, are hereby repealed.

Retailers prohibited from opening Houses for Sale of Beer, &c. during certain Hours of Sunday, &c.

II. It shall not be lawful for any Person licensed to sell Beer or Cider, Spirits or Wine by Retail, to be drunk or consumed on the Premises, or not to be drunk on the Premises, in any Part of Ireland, without the Permission or Authority in that Behalf herein-after provided, to open or keep open his House or Place of Sale for the Sale of or to sell Beer, Wine, Spirits, or any other fermented or distilled Liquor, at any Time between the Hours of *Twelve* o'Clock at Night and *Five* o'Clock in the Morning of any Day in the Week, nor before *Two* o'Clock in the Afternoon or after *Eleven* o'Clock in the Afternoon on Sunday, or on Christmas Day or Good Friday, or any Day appointed for a Public Fast or Thanksgiving, or before *Five* o'Clock in the Morning of the Day following such Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday, or such Day of Public Fast or Thanksgiving, except to a Traveller or Lodger therein; but such Person may open or keep open his House or Place of Sale for the Purposes aforesaid at all other Times: Provided always, that it shall and may be lawful to and for the Commissioners of Police for and of the Police District of Dublin Metropolis, in their such District, and to and for any Two or more Justices of the Peace for and of any and every County, City, Town, and Place, in Petty Sessions assembled, in and for such County and Town or Place, by Writing under their Hands, to authorize any Person or Persons, licensed as aforesaid, to open or keep open his House or Place of Sale for the Sale of and to sell Beer, Wine, Spirits, or any other fermented or distilled Liquor during the said prohibited Hours or any Part thereof.

18 & 19 Vict. c. 118. s. 3., 3 & 4 W. 4. c. 68. ss. 14. & 15., 6 & 7 W. 4. c. 38. ss. 4., 5., & 6.

Constable to be permitted to enter licensed Pre-

III. It shall be lawful for any Constable at any Time to enter into any House or Place of public Resort in Ireland for the Sale of Beer, Wine, Spirits, or other fermented or distilled Liquor or Liquors, and every Person who shall refuse to admit or shall not admit such Constable

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stable into such House or Place shall be deemed guilty of an Offence against this Act.

mises at any Time. 18 & 19 Vict. c. 118. s. 4.

IV. Every Person who shall, for the Purpose of obtaining for himself or enabling any other Person to obtain a Licence to retail Spirits, Wine, or Beer or Cider, forge or counterfeit any Certificate, or shall produce or make use of any Certificate, knowing the same to be forged or counterfeit, or the Matters certified therein, or any of them, to be false, shall forfeit *Fifty Pounds;* and any Licence for the Retail of Spirits, Wine, Beer, or Cider obtained by any Person on any such forged, counterfeit, or false Certificate shall, on the Conviction of such Person, be void to all Intents and Purposes, and shall be so adjudged; and every Person, who shall be convicted of any of the said Offences shall be disqualified from obtaining any Licence under the said recited Acts to retail Spirits, Wine, Beer, or Cider, either to be drunk and consumed on the Premises or off the Premises.

Every Person forging or making use of a forged Certificate to obtain a Licence, to forfeit 50*l.* Upon Conviction Licence to be withdrawn.

V. From and after the *Commencement of this Act* it shall be lawful for any Officer of Excise in Ireland to grant a Renewal of any Excise Licence under or by the Authority of any Act or Acts for the Sale of Wine, Spirits, Beer, Ale, Cider, or Perry by Retail in Ireland, to be drunk and consumed on the Premises or elsewhere, to any Person applying for such Renewal, at and for the same House as shall have been licensed in the Year last immediately preceding, and whose Licence shall not have been withdrawn or annulled, upon the Production of a Certificate signed by Two or more Justices of the Peace presiding at the Petty Sessions of the District in which such Person resides, or, if in the Dublin Metropolitan District, by a Divisional Justice of the District in which such Person resides, to the good Character of the Applicant, and the peaceable and orderly Manner in which such House had been conducted in the past Year, without requiring the Production of any Certificate signed by Six Householders, or from any Chief Constable of the Constabulary Force, or any Overseers for the Parish in which such House is situate, or any other Person or Persons whomsoever.

Any Officer of Excise may grant a Renewal of any Licence upon the Certificate of Justices. 3 & 4 W. 4. c. 68. s. 1., 6 & 7 W. 4. c. 38. s. 1., 17 & 18 Vict. c. 89. s. 11.

VI. Every Person who shall obtain any such Licence as aforesaid shall within *Six* Days next after he shall have obtained such Licence deliver or cause to be delivered to the Clerk of the Peace for the County, City, or Town within which the House specified in such Licence shall be situate, a Note in Writing under the Hand of such Person, or under the Hand of some Person by him authorized in that Behalf, in which shall be specified, set forth, and inserted the Christian and Surname and Place of Abode of such Person, and a Description of

Persons obtaining Licences shall enter their Names with the Clerk of the Peace. 3 & 4 W. 4. c. 68. s. 10.

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of the House and Premises in which Spirits, Beer, or Cider are licensed to be sold by such Person, and the Place where such House and Premises shall be situate; and if any Person who shall have obtained such Licence as aforesaid shall not, within the Time and in the Manner herein-before directed, deliver or cause to be delivered such Note in Writing as aforesaid, every such Person shall forfeit and pay the Sum of *Ten Pounds:* Provided always, that no such Note in Writing as aforesaid shall be necessary or required to be delivered to the Clerk of the Peace upon obtaining any Renewal of any such Licence as aforesaid.

Register of Licences to be kept by Clerk of the Peace.

VII. A List or Register of every such Licence as aforesaid, specifying the Name and Place of Abode of every Person licensed, and the Description and Situation of the House or Place mentioned in such Licence, shall be kept at the Office of the Clerk of the Peace for the County, County of a City, or County of a Town, as the Case may be, which List or Register shall at all reasonable Times be produced to and open to the Inspection and Perusal of any Magistrate within whose Jurisdiction the House or Place specified in each Licence respectively shall be situate; and any Copy of or Extract from any such List or Register which shall or may be at any Time required by any such Magistrate as aforesaid shall be given to him by such Clerk of the Peace.

Punishment of Offenders.

VIII. Every Person who shall offend against this Act shall be liable, upon summary Conviction for the same before any Justice of the Peace for the County, Riding, Division, City, Borough, or Place where the Offence shall be committed, to a Penalty not exceeding *Two Pounds* for every such Offence; and every separate Sale shall be deemed a separate Offence.

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SCHEDULE.

PARTS OF ACTS TO BE REPEALED.

Date of Act.	Title of Act.	Extent of Repeal.
3 & 4 W. 4. c. 68. -	An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Sale of Wine, Spirits, Beer, and Cider by Retail in Ireland.	Section 1. except the Preamble, and the Entire of Sections 10., 11., 12., 14., 15., 16., 17., 18.
6 & 7 W. 4. c. 38. -	An Act to amend an Act passed in the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled "An Act to amend "the Laws relating to Ex-"cise Licences, and to the "Sale of Wine, Spirits, "Beer, and Cider by Re-"tail in Ireland."	Section 1. except the Preamble, and the Entire of Section 4. and Section 6., except so far as it relates to a Booth or Tent at any lawful or accustomed Fair or any public Races.
8 & 9 Vict. c. 64. -	An Act to amend certain Regulations respecting the Retail of Spirits in Ireland.	Section 2.
17 & 18 Vict. c. 89. -	An Act to amend the Laws for the better Prevention of the Sale of Spirits by unlicensed Persons, and for the Suppression of illicit Distillation in Ireland.	Section 11.

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Spirit Trade (Ireland).

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To amend the Laws relating to the Sale of Wine, Spirits, Beer, Cider, and Perry by Retail in Ireland.

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[Bill 103.]

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